

1 A. I was in the coroner's office at the time
2 on the second floor when the call came in. And it
3 was late afternoon. And I don't remember if I had
4 already been to a scene that day or if I just
5 done -- or how many autopsies I'd done, but I
6 remember being tired.

7 And knowing that there was a big storm
8 coming that evening, actually around this time, and
9 Nancy Woolum, who was the investigator who was in
10 the office at the time, and usually if it was during
11 the daytime and there was a scene, I would usually
12 go to them. But for whatever reasons I don't
13 remember, I said I don't feel like going. So Nancy
14 just went by herself. And I was working the rest of
15 the evening on previous cases from that day and the
16 day before.

17 Q. All right. Then the affidavit says, "I
18 took only one photograph of Mr. Melton because I had
19 only one exposure remaining in the roll of film."
20 That's accurate I suppose?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Now, do you remember about what time in
23 the evening it was when you took the photograph?

24 A. Maybe 6:30, 7:00.

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1 A. Correct.

2 Q. That you just described.

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Can you tell us how -- what you know to be
5 the situation as to how that stayed there. You took
6 it over?

7 A. Well, I took the negative over to his
8 studio. I made the print. And in the process of
9 making the prints, because I've seen some of the
10 evidence that some of it involves just to determine
11 the exposure of the prints, so that's why there are
12 stripes on some of those photographs that you guys
13 have.

14 Q. When you say "you guys," who is "you
15 guys"?

16 A. Plaintiffs' attorneys and County
17 attorneys.

18 Q. You mean evidence that was developed in
19 the case. Okay. Go ahead.

20 A. So there were test strips that I used to
21 determine exposure of the print. Then I developed,
22 I'm not sure how many prints, maybe one, maybe two,
23 maybe three, I don't remember. Then all of the same
24 negative. And they went through the process of

1 developing.

2 And then Mr. Condon had a special --
3 because the paper it was printed on was a special
4 kind of paper called, I think he called it
5 fiber-based paper, which is like this kind of paper
6 (indicating), and as opposed to what you normally
7 see with the stuff you get from the photo shop.

8 And it required an extra step of
9 processing called toning. It's to keep the image
10 stable. That's what I understood. And he usually
11 said he did that in batches. And would put mine
12 through on the next batch he did.

13 Q. And then apparently he still had that when
14 the police did their search. Is that the rest of
15 your knowledge on how the photo of the one photo
16 that you took of Mr. Melton was in Condon's
17 possession?

18 A. Yeah, because I don't believe it went
19 through that process yet, the toning process.

20 MR. PATSFALL: I'm sorry. I didn't hear
21 you.

22 THE WITNESS: It hadn't gone through the
23 toning process yet.

24 MR. PATSFALL: Had not?

1 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I don't think so.

2 Q. When the --

3 A. Police came.

4 Q. Police came. Okay. Was it your intention
5 after the toning was done by Mr. Condon that this
6 would be returned to you so that you would have it
7 for your uses?

8 A. Yes. My intention was to take one
9 photograph and put it in the coroner's office files
10 and keep one for myself.

11 Q. Why did you want to keep one for yourself?

12 A. For my own teaching file.

13 Q. With reference to the photo then that you
14 took of Mr. Melton, you took one photo. Correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. You've seen the other photos of Mr. Melton
17 during the prosecution and so on, haven't you?

18 A. I glanced at them, but I haven't looked at
19 them closely.

20 Q. Well, is it, to your knowledge, if you can
21 answer this, was it Nancy?

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. That went out to the scene?

24 A. Yes.

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1 A. I remember it being sometime after I --
2 significantly after I took the photo. So it would
3 be December sometime.

4 Q. All right. And you didn't see Mr. Condon
5 around the morgue on the 9th of November when you
6 took the photo. Correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. If he was around, you believe you would
9 have seen him?

10 A. I'm not -- day, I believe I would have,
11 yes.

12 Q. You were there most of the day. Correct?

13 A. I was there, yes.

14 Q. And you and he were good friends?

15 A. We were good friends.

16 Q. And on the next day, the 10th, when you
17 came to work was the -- do you remember what time
18 that was?

19 A. I don't remember. It was morning. I
20 don't remember exact time.

21 Q. 8:00 to 9:00 usual?

22 A. Yes. Probably.

23 Q. Was Dr. Pfalzgraf already conducting the
24 autopsy of Mr. Melton when you arrived?

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1 A. Yeah. Dr. Pfalzgraf saw him take
2 photographs.

3 MR. KERN: That's all the
4 questions I have.

5 MR. BARBIERE: I have some
6 questions.

7 (Break taken.)

8 CROSS-EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. BARBIERE:

10 Q. Jonathan, good afternoon. I'm
11 Larry Barbiere; I represent Dr. Parrott. If I
12 ask you a question which you don't understand
13 please stop me and ask me to repeat myself. I
14 want to be certain you understand each question
15 before you answer. Agreed?

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. The fellowship that you were given
18 with the Coroner's Office, did that have a
19 specific time?

20 A. One year.

21 Q. So it started July 1?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So it was going to go July 1, 2000
24 to June 30th, 2001?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. And you were paid during that
2 period of time?

3 A. No. I was paid up through my
4 indictment.

5 Q. Okay. But, I mean, the award of
6 the fellowship included that you would be paid
7 as part of the fellowship?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Okay. Did you have some kind of
10 written protocol of the things you were going
11 to be doing during the fellowship?

12 A. There was a written, I think one
13 or two page piece of paper that described the
14 fellowship and the duties and responsibilities.

15 Q. And who was it that produced that
16 piece of paper?

17 A. That was given to me by --
18 actually when I first started it was just given
19 to me in the packet of stuff. It might even be
20 part of the official morgue policy manual.

21 Q. That's something that was given to
22 you by the Coroner's Office?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. When you were doing your program
25 you were supervised by Dr. Pfalzgraf, right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Was he pretty much in charge of
3 the fellowship program, as far as you were
4 concerned?

5 A. My understanding was he was the
6 head of the fellowship program.

7 Q. You were also supervised by Dr.
8 Utz?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Dr. Schultz?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And Dr. Parrott?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. Anybody else?

15 A. In the -- well, those would be my
16 supervisors.

17 Q. Did you consider all of those
18 people your supervisors?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Did you consider all those people
21 your bosses?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And each of those people, as far
24 as you were concerned, had the authority to
25 tell you what to do or what not to do?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. If I understand your testimony
3 correctly when you first started as a fellow
4 you assisted on autopsies; is that right?

5 A. I -- correct, yes.

6 Q. You would watch -- I'm sure at
7 first most of what you did was to watch one of
8 the other pathologists do an autopsy, right?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Is that right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And then I guess as time went by
13 you started assisting more and more; is that
14 correct?

15 A. As -- it was pretty rapid. I
16 started doing autopsies within a week or two.

17 Q. Within a week or two you were
18 doing an autopsy under the watchful eye of one
19 of the other pathologists?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. At some point in time there came a
22 time when you were doing autopsies pretty much
23 by yourself; is that correct?

24 A. Correct.

25 Q. But when that happened there was

1 always another autopsy, if not in the building
2 at least on call?

3 A. Another pathologist?

4 Q. I'm sorry, yeah, another
5 pathologist?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And if I understand your testimony
8 correctly the vast majority of the time that
9 you would be doing an autopsy by yourself there
10 would be another pathologist in the building,
11 right?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. Did you believe, during the period
14 of time that you were a fellow up, say, until
15 January 1st, that you were being supervised
16 well? .

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Did you enjoy the job?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And you liked working with the
21 other pathologists?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Who did most of the autopsies?

24 A. What do you mean?

25 Q. Did any particular pathologist

1 January 1st?

2 A. On average and during the week I
3 would be there maybe 50 hours. And then if I
4 was on call on the weekends I would be there on
5 the weekend and if I was on call I was on call,
6 I think, once a week in the evenings at night.
7 And sometimes there would be stuff going on,
8 sometimes not.

9 Q. So you were there at least five
10 out of the seven days of the week and sometimes
11 more; would that be fair?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. How often on a weekly basis would
14 you estimate that you saw Dr. Parrott during
15 that time frame, July 1 to January 1?

16 A. On a weekly basis, maybe three or
17 four times.

18 Q. Did your interaction with Dr.
19 Parrott on those three or four occasions
20 involve mostly just saying, hi, how you doing?

21 A. I'm saying three or four times a
22 week.

23 Q. That's what I meant.

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Did Dr. Parrott, in a meaningful